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Osteopathic Oath

I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.

I will be mindful always of my great responsibility to preserve the health and life of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect both as a physician and a friend who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity, to perform faithfully my professional duties, to employ only those recognized methods of treatment consistent with good judgment and with my skill and ability, keeping in mind always nature's laws and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding in the general welfare of the community, sustaining its laws and institutions, not engaging in those practices which will in any way bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession.

I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person, though it be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive cooperation and never by word or by act cast imputations upon them or their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem upon all those who have taught me my art. To my college I will be loyal and trive always for its best interests and for the interests of the students who will come after me.

I will be ever alert to further the applications of basic biologic truths to the healing arts and to develop the principles of osteopathy which were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.

UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine Campus

Academic Center

Science Center

University Doctors Pavilion

University Education Center

University-Affiliated Medical Center

Kennedy Health System ● Stratford

Kennedy Health System ● Cherry Hill

Kennedy Health System ● Washington Township

Christ Hospital ● Jersey City

Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center ● Camden

Dean's Message to the Class of 2007

Congratulations to you- the UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine Class of 2007! I am very proud of each one of you for achieving this milestone. I hope you look back on your time at UMDNJ-SOM with fond memories of student life, your fellow graduates, the faculty, learning and ultimately earning your Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. Although graduation is often associated with the end of your efforts, this is truly a beginning in many ways. You are entering a new stage of your life where you will apply your unique skills to relieve suffering and always, continue to learn. Regardless of the discipline or area of medicine you aspire to practice, be passionate about learning and most importantly, committed to teaching.

Thomas A. Cavalieri, D.O., FACOI, FACP
Interim Dean
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You have embarked on your medical career during the most extraordinary time in the history of medicine. Not only will you benefit from having received your medical education and training at the nation's finest osteopathic medical school, but you will also benefit from the abundance of research, invention, and technology that is available today to eradicate disease and prevent illness more effectively than ever.

Remember always, no drug can replace the empathy and healing hands of a well-trained, attentive and dedicated osteopathic physician. Each time you don your white coat, you are accepting the responsibility to carry out the work that you committed yourself to during your White Coat Ceremony. I know that you have been fully prepared to meet every challenge and possess the knowledge and skills to achieve all of your goals.

The tremendous commitment and involvement in our school by our growing alumni constituency sends a powerful message of their appreciation for how SOM has prepared them for their professional achievements, as well as their belief in the excellence yet to come at UMDNJ-SOM. It has been my privilege and honor to have been afforded this opportunity to serve you.

On behalf of the administration, I welcome you to the Alumni Association and trust that you will always consider yourself an important part of our growing family of physicians.

Congratulations to you and best wishes in all of your professional endeavors.

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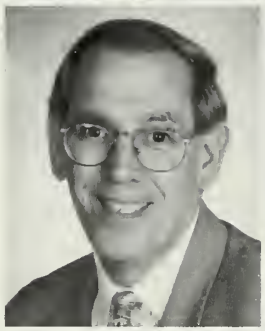

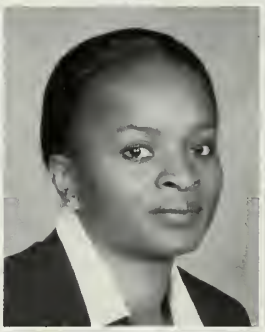

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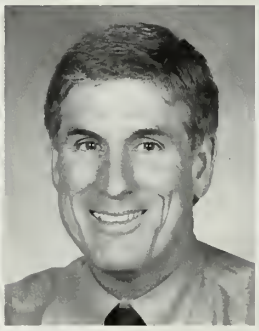

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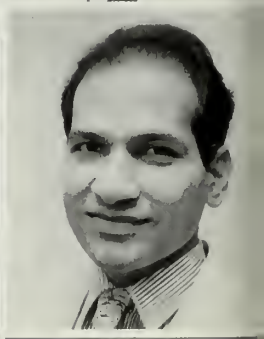

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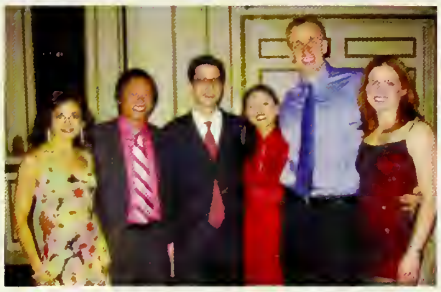

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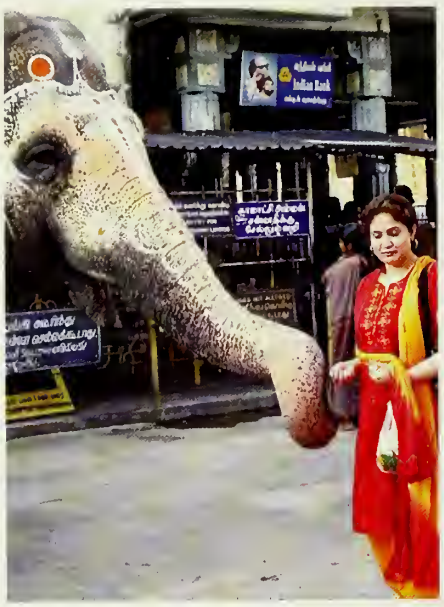

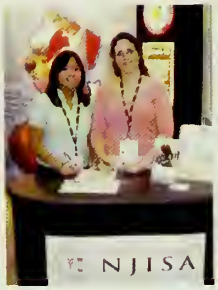
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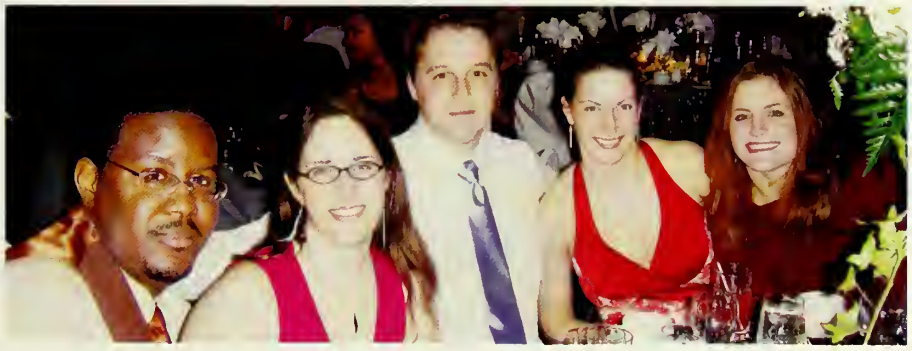

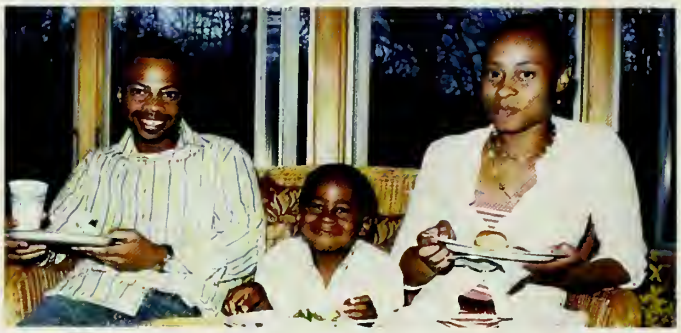

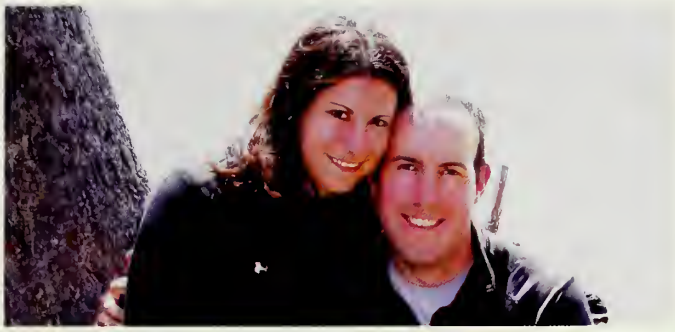

Baby Bibs
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IT'S A BOY

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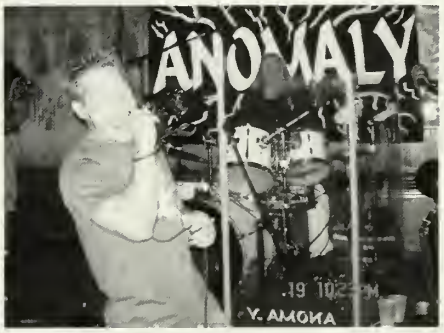

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"I first and foremost give thanks to God, my Lord Jesus Christ, and beloved St. Germain for their many blessings in my life - this wouldn't have been possible otherwise. Thank you Mom and Dad for all of your love and support. Thanks to my dear brother Jimmy for being there for me through this whirlwind. I have tremendous gratitude for my wonderful friends at SOM - Naresh, Doug, Dave, Pete and Dennis - to all of us I dedicate the following quote."

"Now is the time to live your ideal life."
- Cousineau

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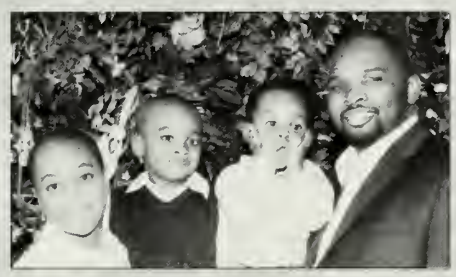
Praise the LORD! Thanks to my family & friends for their support and prayers. Busola, I love you; you are the best gift God has given me. Durotimi, Yinka and ..., daddy loves you always. It's been a great journey. To my classmates, "don't live down to expectations. Go out there and do something remarkable" (Wendy Wasserstein).



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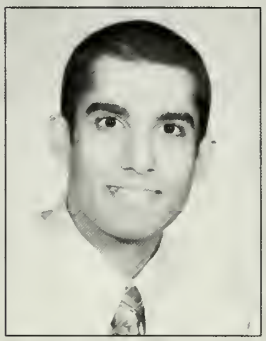

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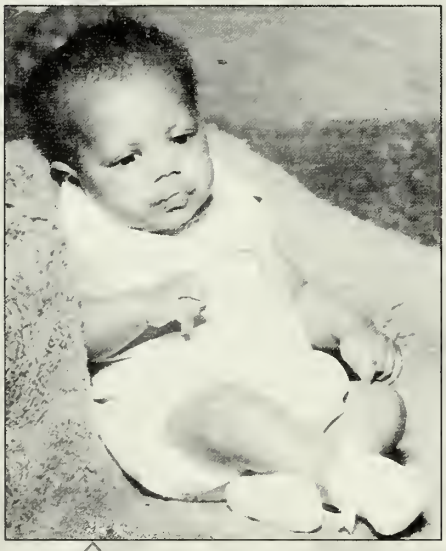
This journey has truly been a blessing. I am who I am, and I am where I am, because of God's unmerited favor. Nothing that I've done has been on my own but because of the blessings that He has bestowed upon me; and the prayers and support of so many family members and friends along the way. Thank you Dad for "encouraging" me to study and thank you Mom for your unmoving love. What up Chi-Town, we coming back home!



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"After the sun had set, people with all kinds of diseases were brought to Jesus. He put his hands on each one of them and healed them."
Luke 4:40

I pray that I can be an excellent physician like my Lord. And it's also nice to know that He was an osteopath?

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"I will always remember my family at SOM and cherish my memories from the best 4 years I've had. I want to thank my parents, brother and wonderful fiancé Christina for their constant support."

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Thank you to my family and friends for inspiring me to fulfill my dream of becoming a doctor. Much love to my mom and dad, Bro and Lily, Chris and Aggie and my husband Brian.

Carpe Diem!

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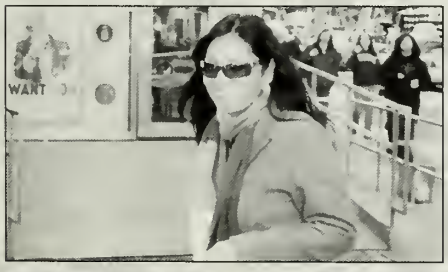

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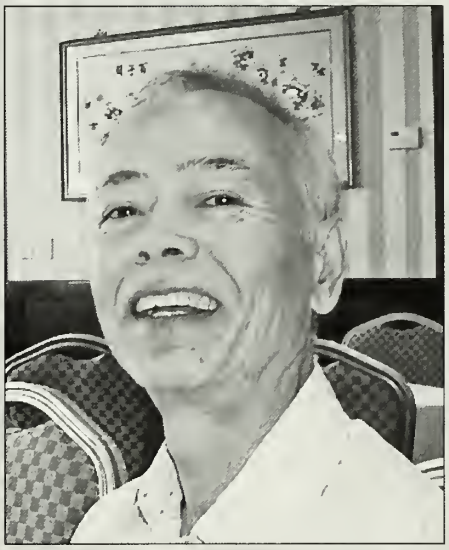

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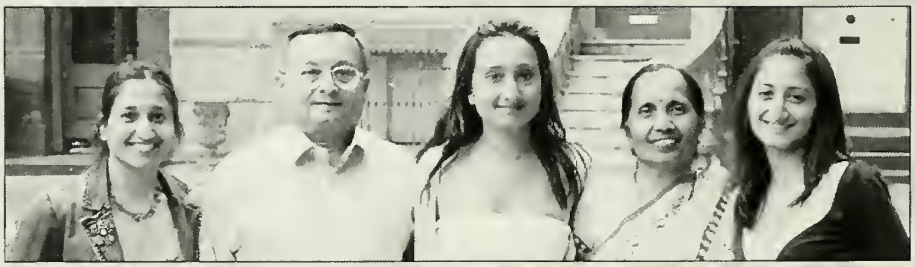

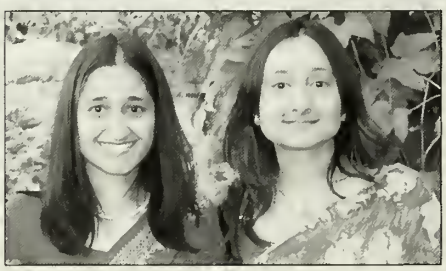

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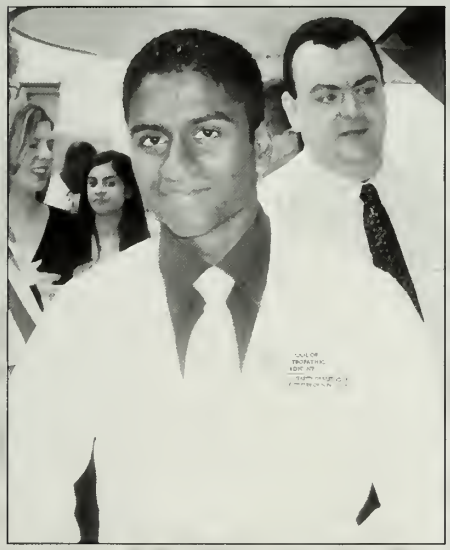

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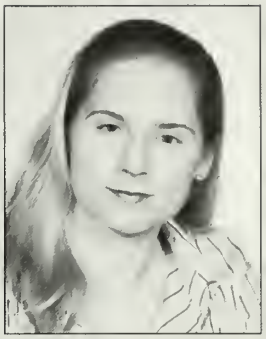

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To whom much is given...much is required!!!

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"You can know the name of a bird in all the languages of the world, but when you're finished, you'll know absolutely nothing whatever about the bird... So let's look at the bird and see what it's doing -- that's what counts. I learned very early the difference between knowing the name of something and knowing something."(Richard Feynman)
Remember, treat the whole person not just the disease.

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"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind" Dr. Seuss
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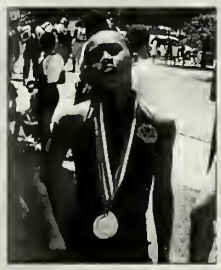

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"Always laugh when you can. It is cheap medicine." --Lord Byron

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"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
- Eleanor Roosevelt

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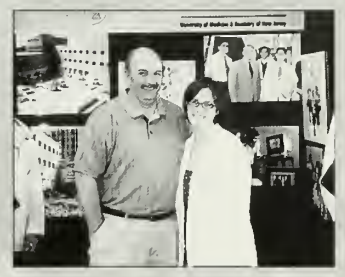

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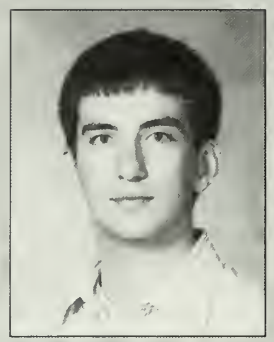

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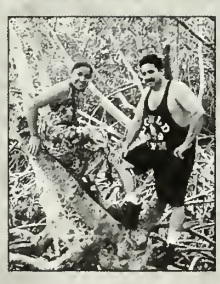
Remember that your influence begins with you and ripples outward...be sure that your influence is both potent and wholesome. --Heider

"Por fin logre me meta, no lo pudo hacer sin mi familia: mami, papi, y cookie. I will love you three always."
--Sofia



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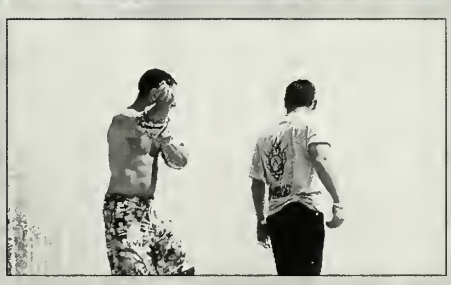

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"Follow the nature." Juanito Ongchin, MD (the wisest man I know)

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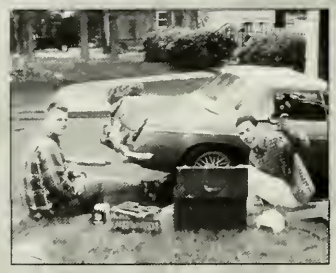
"Follow Your Heart, that's what I did" -Doug Skinner

"What do you got in that thing? More than you can handle" -American Graffiti

"Judge not, that you not be judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get." -Matthew 7:1-3



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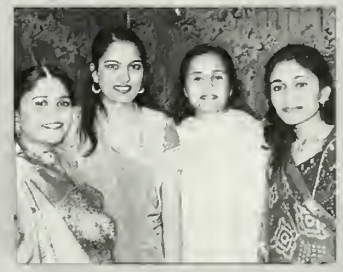
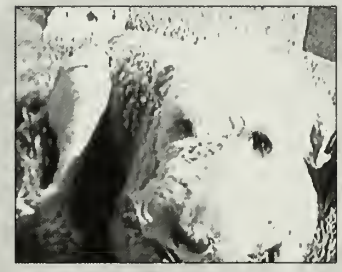
"We are born for wonder, for joy, for hope, for love, to marvel at the mystery of existence, to be ravished by the beauty of the world, to seek truth and meaning, to acquire wisdom, and by our treatment of others to brighten the corner where we are."

-Dean Koontz





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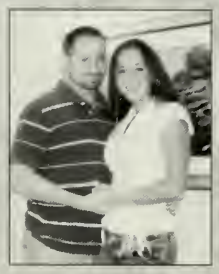

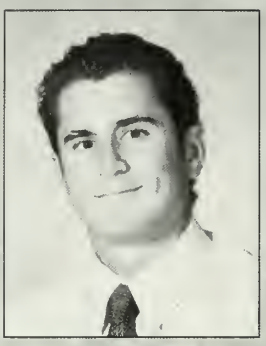

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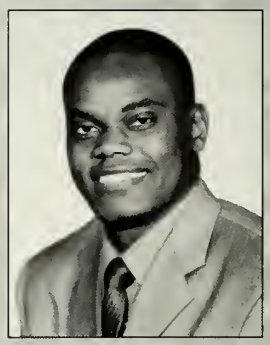

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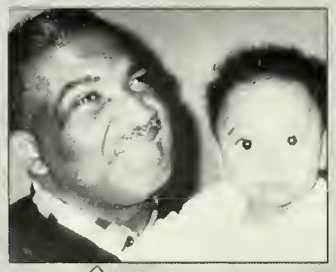

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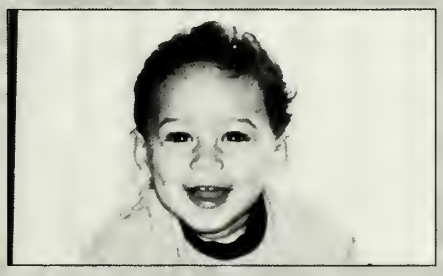

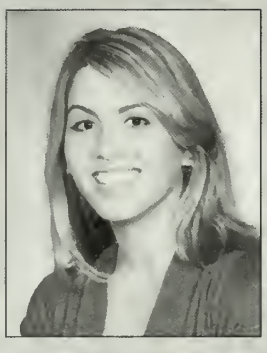

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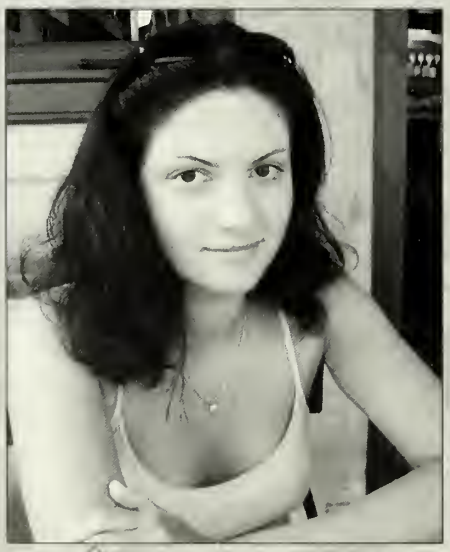
"If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them." - Henry David Thoreau

And let us all remember that "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."



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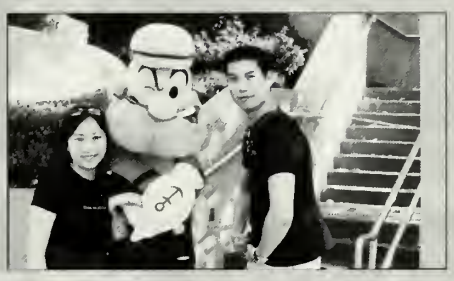

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Original Quote: "Life is too short to focus on the negative. Love your family, love your friends, love your work and live life to its fullest. Believe that anything is possible, and make the improbable a reality."

Unoriginal Quote: "My doctor gave me six months to live, but when I couldn't pay the bill he gave me six months more." - Walter Matthau.

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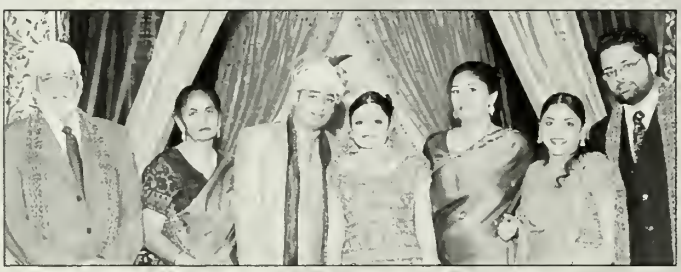
"Success is a journey, not a destination." - Ben Sweetland

I want to thank my husband, my parents, my brother, my friends and the rest of my family for always being there for me. I could not have done it without their support. I want to thank everyone at SOM for making it such a memorable journey. I wish everyone a wonderful and successful journey ahead.



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"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

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"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in times of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in times of challenges and controversy."

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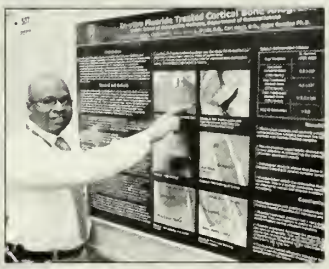

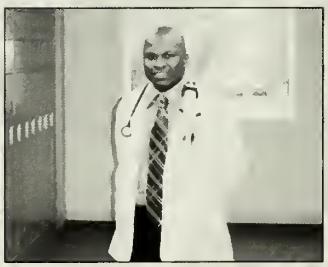

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"Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, and impossible to forget." ~ G. Randolf

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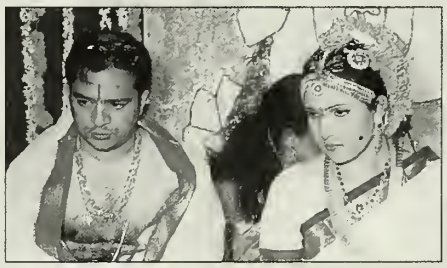

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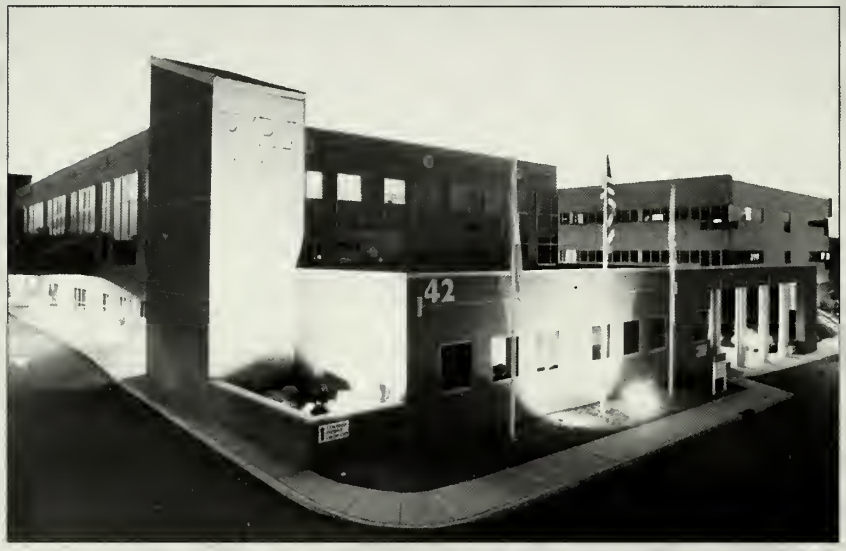

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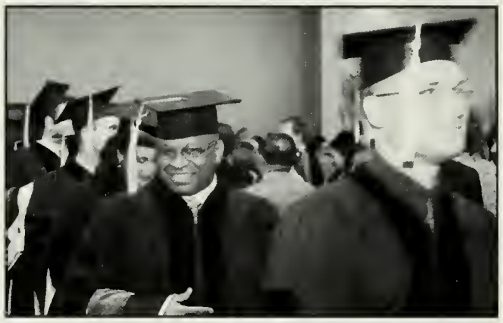

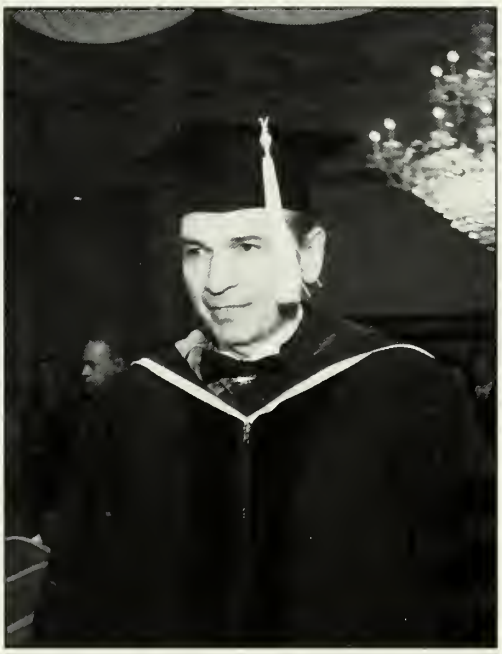

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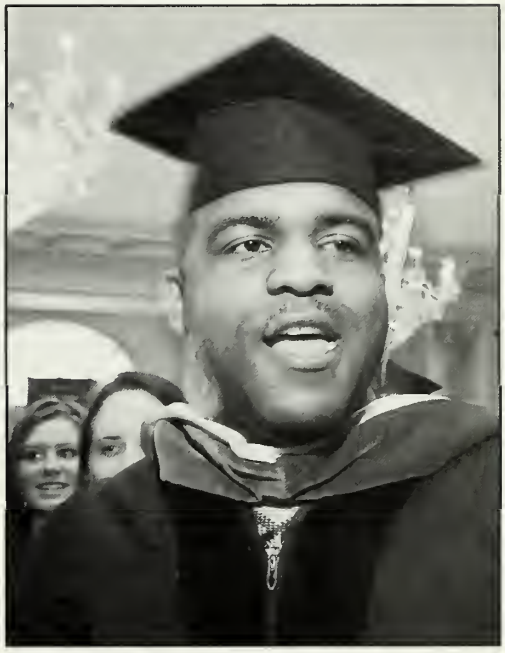

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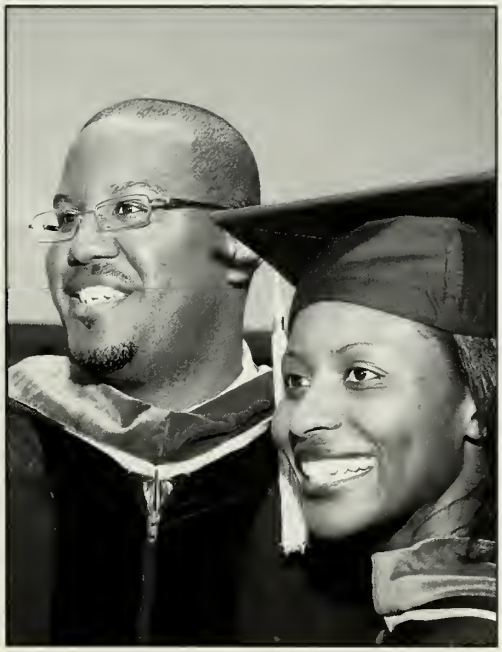

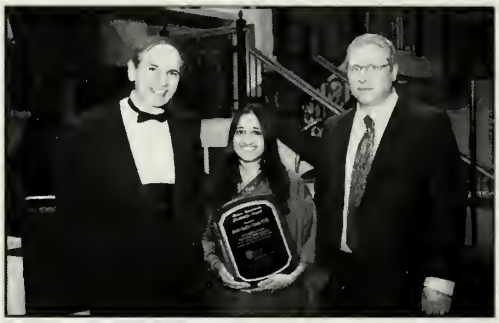

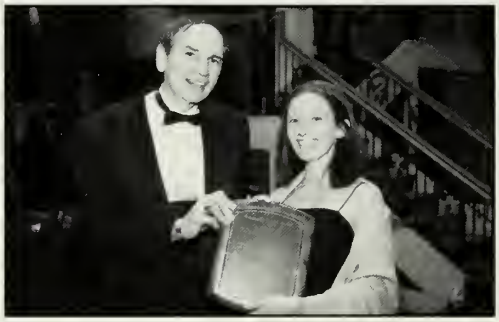

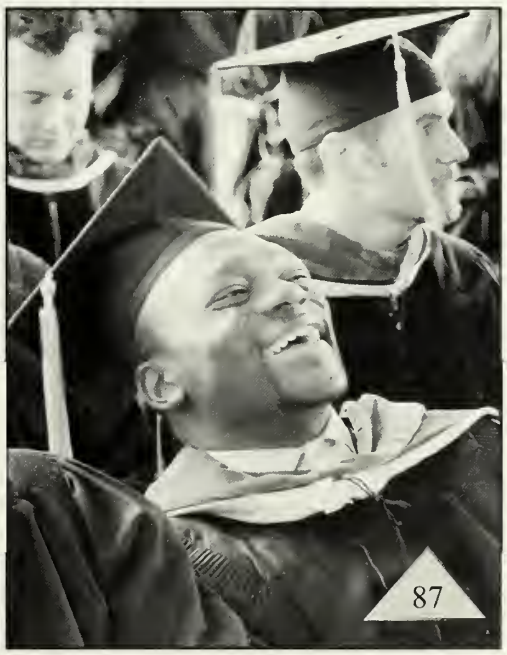

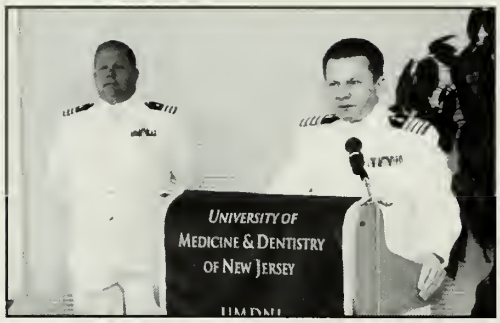
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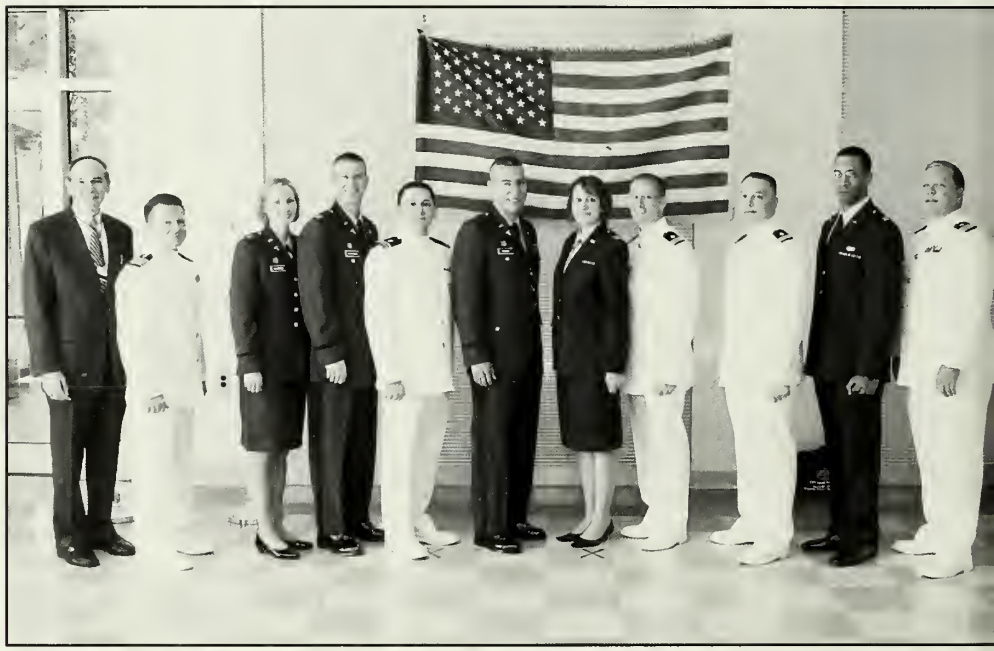

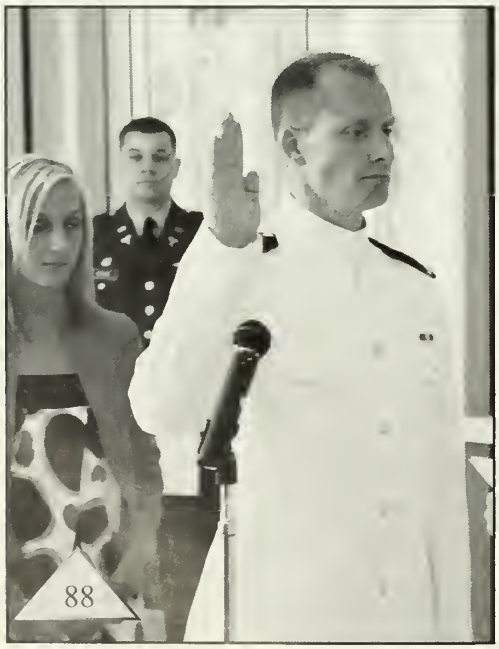

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(not pictured Amanda and Janaki)

Dear Class of 2007,

First and foremost, it has been a pleasure assisting in the production of the class of 2007's yearbook. Thank you to the other fourth years that helped with the yearbook: Michelle Duhaney, Colleen Eng, Aubrey Troutman, Aarti Dalal, Anjali Godambe, Yasaman Zarrabi, Jennifer Ongchin, John Neidecker, Megan Maurer, Janaki Shah, and Amanda Micucio. WE all would like to give a very special thanks to Dean Micciche for his help with the yearbook and many other endeavors.

Through the years, after the completion of our education, after the first practicing years, achieving much success, look back and remember SOM. I hope this book is a representation of those years. You all will be missed (Smile!)

With great love ,
Your Classmate and Friend

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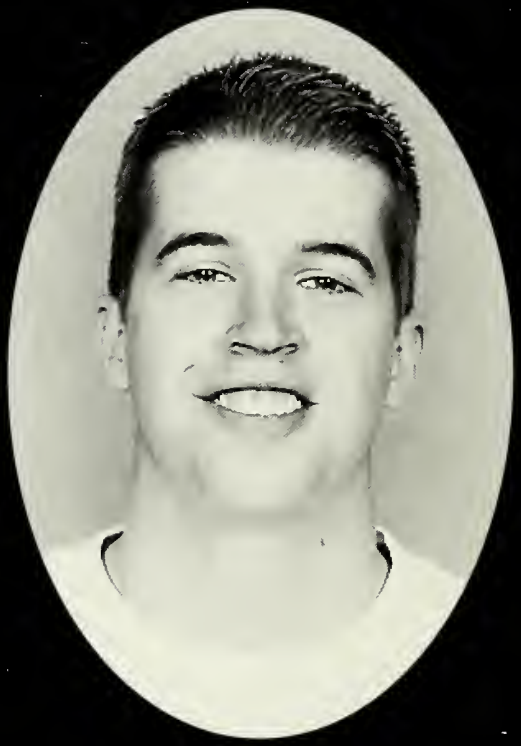

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